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EVACUATIONS/AMERICAN CITIZEN ISSUES

¶1. (SBU) Seventeen American evacuees and family members departed Port-au-Prince since February 7 at 2000 EST; a total of 15,723 have been evacuated to date. A total of 23,000 potential evacuees have been accounted for. There are 40 American evacuees at the airport. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

¶2. (SBU) As of 1200 EST February 8, there are 77 confirmed American citizen fatalities. The number of other reported American citizen deaths has been revised down to 28. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE

¶3. (SBU) Embassy Port-au-Prince reports 15 of 16 food distribution sites opened February 8. Each site plans to increase its beneficiary numbers to make up for the suspension of distribution at two sites located on church property on February 7. The number of people arriving at the distribution sites

without coupons is decreasing. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince interagency call)

¶4. (SBU) As of February 9, Sanford/Orlando airport will stop receiving evacuation flights and Charleston and Miami airports will remain active. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince interagency call)

¶5. As of February 7, nearly 7.5 million pounds of food have been delivered. As of February 8, all 18 WFP food distribution sites will be open. (TF1/SOUTHCOM sitrep, SOUTHCOM Intsum)

MEDICAL RESPONSE

¶6. (SBU) The USNS Comfort reports the outflow of medical patients is higher than the inflow, with a current backlog of only 37 surgical patients. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince interagency)

¶7. (SBU) Health officials are concerned by the increasing number of Haitians who may require post-quake psychiatric assistance. (TFI/DHS NOC e-mail)

SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

¶8. Hundreds protested on February 7 in Petionville claiming the district mayor is hoarding aid, and

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¶9. Twenty-five radio stations were broadcasting in Port-au-Prince as of February 7. (SOUTHCOM sitrep)

OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

¶10. On February 7, President Preval called on Haitians to show discipline, solidarity, and patience. (Radio Metropole website)

¶11. (SBU) The Bahamian government requested U.S. assistance in repatriating 62 Haitian migrants currently aboard two Royal Bahamian Defense Force vessels. The U.S. Coast Guard will proceed to pick up the migrants and plans to arrive within 24-36 hours. (MOTR conference call)

¶12. (SBU) SOUTHCOP released a press statement this evening announcing the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit will be released at 0001 Zulu on February 9. (SOUTHCOM Press Release)

13 (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at: http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Crisis_Haiti_Earthquake.

¶14. (U) Minimize considered.
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